WHY DO *I* MAKE ZINES?

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No Zines

1. I NEED IT OUT.

I need to let go of something I'm holding onto. I need to say it out loud in printed letters. Sometimes I have to *spit it* out. I don't want these words to get all moldy in my mouth and rot my gums.

2. HOW ELSE AM I GOING TO GET MY WRITING OUT THERE?

It'll get lost if I post it, and if I post it I'll know it exists. Sometimes writing needs to rot. Sometimes writing needs to be tossed onto the road and left to get run over by a car like roadkill. Art is more when it's biodegradable.

3. I'M BROKE. I HAVE TOO MUCH TIME.

I go to community college. I don't even have a formal job, I get by in the gig economy. I'm simultaneously unemployed and employed. It's quick. It's easy. It's cheap beyond belief and I am my own boss. No editors will tell me what to do.

4. I CAN WRITE WHATEVER THE FUCK I WANT. NO ONE CAN CENSOR THIS.

It's my god-given right as an American to write about the libertine lives of rock 'n' roll stars, tales as old as time, my utterly uncomfortable and beautiful transgender life, how much I love being FtM, my trauma, the messy, gross shit, the truth (whatever that means), complete bullshit, fucking shit nothing on computer paper.

5. I LOVE THE WRITTEN WORD TO DEATH.

I love writing. I love it because this kind of writing, the writing I put in my zines, is bullshit, and absolutely imperfect. Imperfect writing is my specialty, a skill I've been crafting in my private journal, a type of writing that goes wildly unappreciated. Bad writing is beautiful writing.

6. THE AUDIENCE IS OPEN.

When I had first written this zine, in pen and ink in my own hatchet-job handwriting, I talked about how my audience is unknown to me. My perspective and distribution has shifted since then. My audience used to be *closed*. I would, metaphorically, throw my zines out the door, and quickly slam it shut. Now I leave the door wide open. If the door is open, then this zine must be the **sign.**

A sign as to what? I don't quite know. That's for you to decide. I love you.

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